

REMARKS

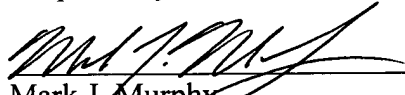
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of the claims in the Notice of Allowance of October 1, 2004. Applicants are amending Claims 1 and 43. Applicants are also filing a RCE and IDS herewith. It is respectfully requested that these amendments, RCE and IDS now be entered and considered by the Examiner.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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